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REMARKS

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1. At about noon on 20 February 1953, a convoy of 50 to 60 trucks drove through Oranienburg and proceeded toward Sachsenhausen. Ten of the trucks towed AT guns of an estimated 45-mm caliber. Each truck carried 10 to 15 soldiers.

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2. On 4 March, 4 JS-3s, 1 field kitchen, 1 tank truck, workshop trucks and 5 trucks were entrained at the Satz Korn railroad station. The unit was dispatched to Wolmirstedt and returned on 5 March.

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3. At 12:30 p.m. on 5 March, a convoy of 1 sedan, 3 radio trucks and 3 trucks with trailer with extended antenna and 2 cable reels on either side passed through Wittenberg toward Beelitz. Motor vehicle were identified. Another such column included motor vehicle and was seen moving along the Berlin autobahn from the direction of Ludwigsfelde and proceeded toward Potsdam at 1:30 p.m. on 5 March.

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4. At 4:40 p.m. on 6 March, a column of 40 to 50 trucks, some of them occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying field pack, 2 field kitchens, 3 x 76.2-mm or 85-mm AA guns, several workshop trucks and a radio truck drove from Zossen toward Klausdorf.

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5. On 27 February, nine tanks were seen in the Schweinrich training area, driving toward Zechlin. Artillery and machine gun fire was heard from the training grounds on 6 and 7 March.

6. Prior to 9 March, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was about two thirds occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks towed 37-mm AA guns into the installation.

The AAA emplacement Westend contained six 85-mm AA guns on 9 March.

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At 10 a.m. on 5 March, a column of 55 motorcycles with 4 x 82-mm mortars, armored personnel carrier [redacted] 3 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks of [redacted] 9 trucks [redacted] and about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved from Angermuender Strasse toward Trammer Chaussee and proceeded in a southerly direction. 6

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 25th Tank Div which returned to the SS Kaserne or to the concentration camp from field exercises.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Both columns [redacted] belong to signal units of the GOFG.

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[redacted]. Motor vehicle [redacted] is indicative of equipment of the barracks installation in Golm and, thus, it is assumed that the signal unit of the GOFG stationed there is identical with the afore mentioned unit and that it is equipped with decimeter equipment.

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 2d Gds AAA Div. [redacted] movements in the opposite direction were noticed, it appears that troops had been relieved at the AAA emplacements in Wuensdorf.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the combat firing observed in January and February continued until early March at the Wittstock troop training grounds.

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6. [redacted] Comment. Observations [redacted] indicated that the Schuetzen Kaserne is occupied to capacity.

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[redacted] indicated that no troops were dispatched from Eberswalde prior to 9 March. The fact that the installation was only partially occupied is therefore believed to have been due to local field exercises. This is supported to some degree by the observation of the column on 5 March, which possibly returned from such an exercise. The weapons indicate that the units concerned were elements of the 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army,

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